

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Replacement drawings FIG. 17 to FIG. 25 are attached herewith in response to the Examiner's objections to the drawings.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search. By this amendment, Claims 1, 4, 11, 22, 26, 31, 41, 43 and 45 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or added. Hence, Claims 1-45 are pending in the Application. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Furthermore, amendments made to the claims as indicated herein have been made to improve readability of the claims and to more clearly recite aspects of the invention.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005 is addressed herein. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 1-45 as amended are over come for reasons given herein.

SUMMARY OF REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS

OBJECTIONS

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 11 and 31 are objected to for various informalities.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, Claims 1-6, 22-26, 41, 42, and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by "Multimodal User Interfaces in the Open Agent Architecture" by *Moran et al.* (Moran hereinafter).

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 7-19, 27-39 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moran.

CLAIMS 1, 4, 11, 22, 26, 31, and 43

Applicants have amended claims 1, 11 and 31 to address the Examiner's objections to informalities. Further, the Applicants have amended claims 4, 22, 26, and 43 to address typographical errors.

CLAIMS 1, 22, 41, and 45

Independent Claim 1, as amended, recites in part:

“wherein the inter-agent language includes a layer of conversational protocol defined by event types and parameter lists associated with one or more events, and wherein the parameter lists further refine the one or more events;”

The novel method recited in Claim 1 requires that the inter-agent language includes a layer of conversational protocol defined by event types and parameter lists. The event types and parameter lists are associated with one or more events (see page 17, last paragraph and page 18, first three paragraphs). Independent Claims 22, 41 and 45, each include a similar limitation. The cited reference does not disclose or suggest such a limitation. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended Claims 1, 22, 41 and 45 are allowable over the art of record and that Claims 1, 22, 41 and 45 be held in condition for allowance.

CLAIMS 2-21, 23-40 and 42-44

Claims 2-21, 23-40 and 42-44 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon independent Claims 1, 22 or 41 and include all the features of Claims 1, 22 or 41, respectively. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-21, 23-40 and 42-44 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein with respect to Claims 1, 22 and 41. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-21, 23-40 and 42-44 recite

additional features that independently render Claims 2-21, 23-40 and 42-44 patentable over the art of record.

CONCLUSION

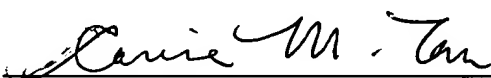
For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4311.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
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